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USFK 2006 Summer Safety Campaign

1. The summer season begins in a few weeks and it is time for us to focus our efforts on preventing hot weather related accidents, and mitigating the effects of destructive weather. Whether we are talking about summer military training or recreational activities, the common denominator is that we will all be spending more time outside.
2. The 2006 Summer Safety Campaign will begin 1 May and runs through 30 September. The Summer Safety Campaign Memorandum (available on the USFK Homepage) provides more information about the campaign and tasks commanders to develop summer safety programs for their units.
3. The success of this campaign depends on all of us. Leaders at every level must lead this campaign and ensure that their unit summer safety program is fully developed and implemented. These programs must provide a comprehensive, proactive means of identifying risks and implementing risk-mitigating measures down to the individual Service Member level in unit training, operations and off-duty activities. Leaders will ensure that every member is aware of and complies with the unit summer safety program.
4. The Summer Safety Campaign focuses on the following areas:
 - **Leader Accountability.** Command involvement is a key factor to a successful safety program. Commanders of units involved in training and mission support operations must conduct risk assessments, set safety conditions, and conduct operations and training to standard. Operational risk management is to be integrated into every aspect of the unit's activities. This applies to both ground and aviation operations. Engaged leadership sets the tone for success. Throughout the Summer Safety Campaign, our most effective approach will be to mitigate the risks associated with the off-duty activities of our young Service Members. We will do this through a range of engagement strategies, including one on one counseling which I refer to as a meeting "*Under the Oak Tree.*"
 - **Heat Injuries.** The danger of heat injuries is a significant threat to our Service Members and to mission accomplishment. Training on recognizing and preventing heat injures is essential.
 - **Water Activities.** Alcohol use, horseplay, inexperience, lack of supervision, and swimming in unauthorized areas are the most common factors involved in water related incidents. Safety awareness and swimming only in authorized areas are the keys to preventing accidents. Each Area must distribute information on authorized swimming areas.

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- **Alcohol and Substance Abuse.** Leaders must be aggressive in preventing alcohol and substance abuse following long deployments and during the summer season.

- **Motor Vehicle Safety.** The dangers of drinking and driving and the hazards associated with operating vehicles, especially motorcycles, must be emphasized. New arrivals and individuals traveling to CONUS are at higher risk.

- **Recreational Activities.** Personnel must be made aware of the hazards associated with activities such as bicycling, camping, hiking, skating, and summer outings; and the precautions they should take to avoid injury.

- **Wellness.** Family separations can be stressful for Service Members and their families. Leaders must be able to recognize the warning signs of suicide and domestic violence and know where to get help when needed.

5. The time to start preparing for summer is now. We can make a difference. We must do everything we can to prevent injury and loss of life and to ensure our Service Members, Civilians, Contractors, and Family Members are protected as we execute our mission here in Korea with excellence.

6. There is no greater priority than the safety of the people with whom we are privileged to serve. My greatest desire is for us all to serve in this wonderful country of Korea safely, with no loss of life. Together and by aggressively executing our individual and leader responsibilities, we can all return to the United States alive, having done our best to assure peace and stability in this wonderful area of the world.

We Go Together!



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